

ENGLISH



THE COMET I

~Summary~

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The story of 'The comet I' can be divided into Section I, which revolves around an **amateur** scientist named **Manoj Dutta** and his **discovery**; and Section II, which discloses the **implications** of Duttada's discovered **comet**.

Section I of the story was about Manoj Dutta, an amateur scientist whose life **ambition** was to discover a comet. His eight-inch **telescope**, **Dibya Chakshu**, which means '**divine eye**', helped him to **achieve** his lifetime ambition, though his wife, **Indrani Debi**, had a **dislike** for it. The comet was named after him as 'Comet Dutta'. **Duttada**, being an **introvert**, did not enjoy participating in any of the **events** that had been conducted to **appreciate** his work. His wife **agreed** with his opinion, but for a different reason, as, she believed the comet would bring bad luck. Then, Duttada convinced his wife by explaining to her about the features of a comet, that a comet would not generally harm the Earth. But, the author gives out a **clue** to the readers that it was not so.

Section II of 'The comet I' narrates a **discussion** between Mr. **John Macpherson** and Mr. **James**, about the upcoming collision of Comet Dutta with the Earth and their efforts to avert it. It was decided to publish James's **article** on 'Comet Dutta,' with some **modifications**. Most importantly, it was decided to arrange for an international **conference** to find a **solution** to the **collision** of the comet with the Earth.

~Conclusion~

The Comet – Part 1 teaches students that discovery of celestial events can be delightful to watch, but can also bring in disastrous effects along with it. Here we present the CBSE Class 8 English It So Happened Prose Summary of The Comet – Part 1. We hope this must have helped 8th standard students to have a thorough understanding of the chapter.